

The National Creative Arts Festival



Discover the many talents of America's veterans at the National Veterans Creative Arts Festival. Established in 1989, the event fosters creative expression in veterans treated at VA medical centers across the country. VA's medical facilities incorporate the arts into recreation therapy programs and enter veterans in the annual Creative Arts competition. This annual competition begins at the local level. Local winners go on to be judged in a national contest. Medal winners are then invited to the week-long National Veterans Creative Arts Festival. The Festival is a gala performance and art exhibit that celebrates the veterans' achievements and allows the public to view the incredible talents of veterans following disease, disability, or life crisis.

Activities include both visual and performing arts, with veterans selected to participate based on their talents. Veterans are also given the opportunity to enhance their skills through a variety of educational workshops. After a full week, their combined talents are showcased at a live performance accompanied by a professional orchestra and a dazzling arts display.



The National Veterans Creative Arts Festival is co-sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary, Help Hospitalized Veterans and the Department of Veterans Affairs.

How to get involved:



- **Volunteering at a local VA Medical Center**
 - ★ Help set-up local competition art exhibit
 - ★ Help with judging process
 - ★ Refreshments
 - ★ Meet and greet
 - ★ Fundraising
 - ★ Sponsor a local veteran to attend the Festival
 - ★ Donations



Volunteering at the Festival

- ★ Airport arrival
- ★ Hotel greeters
- ★ Hospitality room
- ★ Stage show performance

For More Information

- ★ For volunteer information visit our website at www1.va.gov/vetevent/vaspecialevents/faith/faith.cfm
- ★ Contact a recreation therapist at your local VA Medical Center



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